

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A floorboard adapted to be used for making a resilient floor by joining to at least one neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard, so that joined upper neighbouring parts of ~~[[the]]~~ edge portions of the floorboards together define a joint plane, perpendicular to ~~[[the]]~~ a main plane of the joined floorboards, the floorboard comprising:

a resilient base, arranged on ~~[[the]]~~ an underside of the floorboard and extending beyond said joint plane,

a supporting layer, arranged between ~~[[an]]~~ the underside of the floorboard and the resilient base, and

a locking system, arranged along at least two parallel edges of the floorboard and integrated with the floorboard, for mechanical joining, vertically and horizontally, of the floorboard to the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard.

2. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resilient base is arranged so that, with the floorboards in a joined state, ~~[[it]]~~ the resilient base extends at least partly under the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard.

3. (Previously Presented) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resilient base is made of an elastic material.

4. (Previously Presented) A floorboard as claimed in claim 3, wherein said elastic material comprises at least one of expanded rubber and cellular plastic.

5. (Previously Presented) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting layer has a horizontal extent which is at least as great as a horizontal extent of the resilient base.

6. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a horizontal extent of the supporting layer is smaller than a horizontal extent of the floorboard.

7. (Previously Presented) A floorboard as claimed in claim 6, wherein the horizontal extent of the supporting layer is less than half the horizontal extent of the floorboard.

8. (Previously Presented) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting layer has a greater modulus of elasticity than the resilient base.

9. (Previously Presented) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting layer includes at least one of MDF, HDF, plywood, particle board, wood material, plastic material and metal.

10. (Previously Presented) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resilient base extends beyond an outer part of the locking system of the floorboard.

11. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~long sides of the floorboard and ~~[[the]]~~short sides of the floorboard are provided with respectively first and second mechanical locking systems integrated with the floorboard, for mechanical joining, vertically and horizontally, of the floorboard to neighbouring, substantially identical floorboards, so that joined upper neighbouring parts of the edge portions of the long sides and short sides, respectively, together define first and second joint planes which are perpendicular to the main plane of the joined floorboards, the resilient base at the edge portion of a short side and the edge portion of a long side extending beyond the respective joint planes.

12. (Previously Presented) A floorboard as claimed in claim 11, wherein the resilient base at the edge portion of the short side extends further beyond the first joint plane than beyond the second joint plane at the edge portion on the long side.

13. (Currently Amended) A flooring for resilient floors, ~~comprising a plurality of floorboards according to claim 1. comprising:~~
a plurality of floorboards each adapted to be used for making a resilient floor by joining to at least one neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard, so that joined upper neighbouring parts of edge portions of the floorboards together define a joint plane, perpendicular to a main plane of the joined floorboards,

the floorboard including:

a resilient base, arranged on an underside of the floorboard and

extending beyond said joint plane,

a supporting layer, arranged between the underside of the floorboard and the resilient base, and

a locking system, arranged along at least two parallel edges of the floorboard and integrated with the floorboard, for mechanical joining, vertically and horizontally, of the floorboard to the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard.

14. (Currently Amended) A kit of parts for making a resilient floor, comprising:

a floorboard for joining to a neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard, so that joined upper neighbouring parts of ~~[[the]]~~ edge portions of the floorboards together define a joint plane, which is perpendicular to ~~[[the]]~~ a main plane (P) of the joined floorboards,

a resilient base, which in terms of shape and size is adapted to be arranged on ~~[[the]]~~ an underside of the floorboard, so that the resilient base extends beyond said joint plane, and

a supporting layer, which in terms of size and shape is adapted to be arranged between said floorboard and said resilient base, the floorboard along at least two parallel edges, being provided with a locking system integrated with the floorboard, for mechanical joining, vertically and horizontally, of the floorboard to the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard.

15. (Previously Presented) A kit of parts as claimed in claim 14, wherein the resilient base is provided with at least one fastening device, arranged on the

underside of the floorboard.

16. (Currently Amended) A kit of parts as claimed in claim 14, wherein the underside of the floorboard is provided with a fastening ~~[[means]]~~ device for arranging the resilient base.

17. (Previously Presented) A kit of parts as claimed in claim 14, wherein the supporting layer is provided with at least one fastening device, arranged between said floorboard and said resilient base.

18. (Previously Presented) A kit of parts as claimed in claim 14, wherein said resilient base has a first horizontal extent which is substantially equal to a length of a first edge of the floorboard, and a second horizontal extent which is less than half a length of a second edge of the floorboard.

19. (Currently Amended) A method ~~[[for]]~~ of making a resilient floor by joining a floorboard to a neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard, so that joined upper neighbouring parts of ~~[[the]]~~ edge portions on the floorboards together define a joint plane, which is perpendicular to ~~[[the]]~~ a main plane of the joined floorboards, the method comprising:

joining the floorboards so that a resilient base and a supporting layer, arranged on ~~[[the]]~~ an underside of the floorboard, extend beyond said joint plane,

wherein said joining ~~including~~ includes a mechanical joining, vertically and horizontally, of the floorboard to the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard.

20. (Currently Amended) A method ~~[[for]]~~ of manufacturing a floorboard for making a resilient floor, comprising:

providing a floorboard, designed for joining to a neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard, so that joined upper neighbouring parts of ~~[[the]]~~ edge portions of the floorboards together define a joint plane, which is perpendicular to ~~[[the]]~~ a main plane of the joined floorboards,

arranging to ~~[[the]]~~ an underside of the floorboard a resilient base, which extends beyond said joint plane,

arranging a supporting layer between said floorboard and said resilient base, and

arranging along at least two parallel edges of the floorboard a locking system integrated with the floorboard, for mechanical joining, vertically and horizontally, of the floorboard to the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard.